

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 492  
By: West  
Ways & Means  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties note that a county may only engage law enforcement agencies for the collection of dishonored checks and credit card invoices received by the county tax assessor-collector. S.B. 492 seeks to authorize the use of a private collection agency for the collection of dishonored checks and credit card invoices.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

S.B. 492 amends the Local Government Code to include referral of a dishonored check or credit card invoice to a private collection agency among the procedures a county tax assessor-collector may establish for the collection of dishonored checks and credit card invoices. The bill authorizes the private collection agency to which a county tax assessor-collector refers a dishonored check or credit card invoice under those procedures to charge a fee to the person responsible for the check or invoice in an amount equal to any amount authorized for a returned check under the county clerk fee schedule.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017.